



VIBRATIONS

THE OWASIPPE STAFF ASSOCIATION

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SPRING FIX-IT SET!

May 21-23 is the date to come to "America's Premier Scout Camp" Owasippe to help get ready for the 1982 camping season!!

Your help is needed now more than any time before. The construction of the Wolverine Shower House and the re-opening of Camp Sauger Lake.

This event, more than any other typifies what our organization is trying to achieve. WE NEED YOUR HELP and your talent. All of you know from experience how much easier it is to work in a fully maintained and equiped camp. This is our chance to help this year. Please make every effort to attend.

Anyone interested in attending please call the project coordinator, Joe Sener, at 961-5608. LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP US GROW!

Food and housing for all workers will be provided. You can not afford to miss it.

O.S.A. GARAGE SALE

Friday, June 11 and Saturday, June 12
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Special Preview Sale for OSA Members
Thursday, June 10, 7-9 p.m.

Please go look in your attic, basement, garage and closets and see if you have any items that you no longer need which are too good to be thrown out. That's what we are looking for to sell at the OSA Garage Sale - June 11 and 12.

If you have any items to donate, you can drop them off any time before Friday, June 4 at Ron Kulak's (3905 Maple Lane, Brookfield, 387-0428) or the Monahan's (17712 South 71st Avenue, Tinley Park, 429-2584). If you are

* DON'T MISS OUT. *

On June 4-6, 10,000 Chicago Area Scouts will be encamped at Hoover Scout Reservation at Yorkville, Illinois. Camporall Chairman Monte Newman, WMAQ-TV General Manager, expects a record turnout for what should be the largest Scout camping extravaganza outside of the National Jamboree.

The three-day adventure will feature Scouting skill demonstrations, hot air ballooning, a giant variety show spotlighting spectacular circus acts, local celebrities, the Golden Knights skydiving team, a Revolutionary War encampment, a mock civil war battle, and a fireworks show. In addition, the "world's largest" lap game is being planned and will feature more than 5,000 Scouts.

More than 500 Scouting units from Chicago and surrounding suburbs will participate in the Camporall. These will include Cub Scouts, Webelos, Scouts and Explorers. Hoover Scout Reservation is a 480 acre camp located on the Fox River which is owned and operated by the Chicago Area Council, BSA.

The OSA will be in charge of traffic and parking control as well as equipment distribution. Anyone wishing to help in some capacity should contact Ron Kulak (387-0428) or Joe Sener (961-5608) as soon as possible.

unable to drop off your items, call us and we will try to arrange to pick them up. It would help us if you could size your clothing and price your items using masking tape.

We also will need hangers, bags, and boxes and the loan of some tables and coat racks for the weekend.

We need people to help price items (Monday Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7, 8 and 9) nights and to work at the garage sale for two or more hours. PLEASE, VOLUNTEER TO DONATE A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME TO MAKE THIS SALE A HUGE SUCCESS.

For more information, call Linda Monahan, 429-2584.

Annual Meeting

A Celebration...

The 1982 Annual meeting and Dinner was, as the event has been in the past, a fine blend of fellowship and remembrance.

The evening began with the election of the Board of Directors for 1982. The following are the results of the election:

- M. Nelson- 44 votes
- L. Dellamano- 19 votes
- * M. Behnke- 67 votes
- * C. Sanchez- 50 votes
- * P. Niziol- 75 votes
- S. Reid- 43 votes *-denotes winners

In all 101 votes were cast, 79 at the meeting and 22 by mail. The mail -in ballot will be continued for next year.

The dinner was praised by many for the fine food served by the P.B.A. Manor.

The annual Business meeting followed immediately after dinner. During the meeting the new Officers of the OSA for 1982 were named. The are: Ron Kulak - President.

Joe Sener - Vice President.

Mike Schlagel- Secretary.

Bill Lotter - Treasurer.

The entire body joined in thanking Jack Norman for his leadership as President for the past two years with a unanimous resolution.

Many people received due recognition that evening. Bill Schaeffer, Pam Bavirsha, Chuck Nagel, Roy Martino, Bud Huedepohl, Bill Rogers, and Ken and Rosemary Young were all involved strongly in last years activities. It was only fitting therefore, that they receive some token of our thanks.

The most special presentation of the evening was that of honorary life membership to Tony Krier. Be sure to read our special feature about this dedicated individual.

After all of the business was completed everyone was free to enjoy the music, dancing and the company of true friends who share a common dedication to a place that is very special. This common bond, which holds together a group so diverse in nature as we, is the reason we share this evening together. Those who miss it are unfortunate because it brings a wonderful feeling and renews our strength and dedication to our purpose.

The Sign of Success!



Nice going

On March 6, 1982 the Owasippe Staff Association was privileged to bestow its highest honor on Anthony Krier, Jr. in naming him as our fourth Honorary Lifetime Member.

Many of us have the privilege of knowing Tony and realize his dedication to the Scout camping program and especially Owasippe. Tony has served on the Council Camping Committee since 1975. Among his many recognitions in Scouting is the Silver Beaver which he received in 1973. Tony often devotes weeks of time and effort to the camps in rebuilding and repair. Many remember the pliers at Stuart which quite often washed away in spring to be stubbornly replaced by Tony in the knick of time.

Tony Krier is one of the most dedicated supporters of Owasippe. His love of the camp and dedication to its purpose serves as an example for all of us to follow.

Our hardest task is finding past staff of Owasippe. Please pass on to us names and addresses of those adults who have served the "Big O". The Membership Chairman is Larry Miller and he needs our help let him know what you can find. (383-2282)

Success Is The Name Of Our Tune

CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!

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PERSPECTIVE

by Ron Kulak

Almost...

The goal is \$4500! As of the 1982 Annual Meeting we have approximately a total of \$4501!

Since we collected about \$3400 in cash, this means that there is still \$1100 outstanding in pledges. We need your help. We need those pledges to finish the job. If you have pledged any monetary support, please send it on its way. We are now turning our focus of attention toward completion of the Wolverine Shower house! The Fix-It weekend of May 21-23 will see the completion of the unit only if you help. We need to realize those pledges and we need your efforts at the Fix-It.

We have an opportunity to provide a needed facility for the Scouts and Scouters of Owaspippe. Owaspippe has given all of us fond memories and certain intangible feelings that we will always carry in our hearts. The time is now for us to return the favor in a tangible form --

We are ready to turn on the showers for the kids!

Here's how we can do it --

* As soon as the weather allows, the septic system will be installed.

* On April 16, 17 and 18 OSA members again visited Owaspippe to finalize construction plans and material orders.

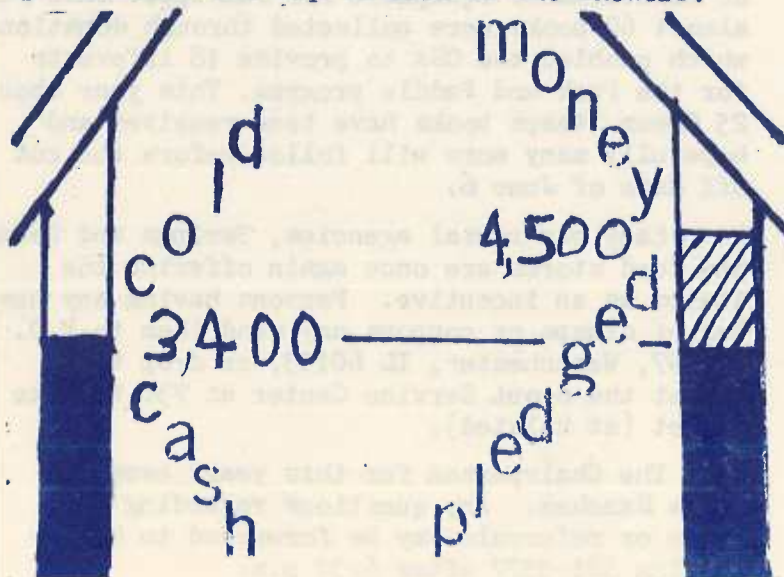
* Completion at the Fix-It.

Thank yous are in order to all of you who have:

- Participated in Shop and Share days at Jewel and Dominick's which helped provide revenue.

- Pledged support during the phon-a-thon and sent it in.

- And finally thanks to those of you who are now sending in outstanding pledges that will put us over the top to turn on the showers.



This is my first opportunity to address all of you in this position of responsibility. In each newsletter, I'll be focusing on certain items that we should all be concerned with. I encourage any additional commentary and welcome all rebuttals.

From Day 1, when this organization was first put together, it was intended to place the primary focus of membership on staff alumni of Owaspippe. The name that was chosen for this group certainly reflects this intent. While fulfilling our stated purpose, it was hoped that membership growth would continue by enlisting those who served the camps at Owaspippe since its inception in 1910. It was natural to re-establish these ties of fellowship as we all shared common experiences and a unique comraderie even though several generations of staff were being gapped.

It became apparent though, that others who did not serve on staff also believed in our aspirations. They also contributed to the camps but in some other capacity and, likewise, were sincerely interested in the preservation of the Scout outdoor program. Typically, this group consisted mainly of volunteer camp staff and camp unit leaders. As a result of this interest, another category of membership, Associates, was established for them (Merely having \$10 in hand does not make a member!). They carry all rights and privileges of Staff Membership, but they cannot run for office. In many situations already, they have proved to be a valuable resource in the furtherance of our purpose and goals.

It is important to point out that our board has taken a position not to actively recruit Associates as we now do with potential Staff Members. There has been no need to do that, and certainly, those most interested have actually joined without our recruitment. This also has not occurred obviously for reasons of maintaining our primary identity as an association of Owaspippe camp staff.

By virtue of the thousands who have been Owaspippe staff, our potential growth is tremendous! Our chore is locating those people among our highly mobile society and re-establishing their ties to the camping program through our organization. Answering that challenge is our newly appointed membership chairman, Larry Miller, who is dedicated to making these contacts and providing new growth. Your help is requested as he cannot do this alone. Perhaps many of you know of individuals who served on staff and would probably be interested in joining our fellowship. (cont. on next page)

It should be obvious that the scope of our goals and accomplishments will be enhanced by the growth of the OSA. As an organization of 250, we have done much for the camps and have the potential to do more. Can you imagine what a Staff Association of 1,000 can achieve? That seemingly elusive goal can be realized if we all share in the enthusiasm and become disciples of the Association.

Some people have accused the OSA as being "cliquish", and I have to agree! Actually, all of you, as members, are a part of this OSA clique. (As per Dr. Webster, CLIQUE: 1) An exclusive or clannish set. 2) A group of persons having a common interest.). Your involvement cements this relationship and provides a feeling of belonging. If there is a keynote to my administration, it would have to be just that...involvement.

After reading all the above, you may think "All work and no play will make the OSA a dull group", and you are right! We should never forget that it was our social ties from camp that initially brought us together and that will continue to reunite us at our future events. We enjoy every opportunity to get together and do play just as hard as we work. This is why we have a variety of activities.

I hope to see you at our Fix-It on May 21 and at our other events during the year.



Yours in service,

Ron
Ronald E. Kulak
President (387-0428)

appointed to staff

A new and expanded staff development training has been approved by the Camp Development and Properties Committee. The task of formulating and implementing the program has been relegated to Gordon Stiefel who also is Council Camp Promotion Chairman. This camp staff development program will replace the old C.I.T. (counselor-in-training) program and will encompass a two to three year curriculum involving a more dynamic and concentrated training by a task force of past and present camp staff. It will cover all facets of camp counseling, program orientation, and the social/emotional impact of staff life. Its intention is to teach the best utilization of individual talents as well as versatility.

The staff selected to launch the new program are Mark Bahnke, Frank Chlebek, Steve Kantorski, Ron Kulak, Chuck Nagel, John Sanchez and Joe Sener. Their efforts will be supplemented by the guidance and expert instruction provided by the section camp directors and the departmental elite of the reservation staff. Their direct involvement will be limited to staff training week. (cont. on next page)

Membership

by Pat Monahan

The Owasippe Staff Association has continued to grow rapidly in the past year. Seventy-eight (78) new members joined in 1981, bringing our numbers to more than 230! Several members have become lifemembers during the year; among the most recent additions to Life Membership are Jack Norman, Carl Young, Pat Monahan, and Irv Brinkman. At present we have twenty-one lifetime members.

In the past few months we have seen many old and new faces from Owasippe. Among the most recent faces we have Jim Gallagher, Susan Coussens, Catherine Chikow, Russ Martino and Peter Ziolkowski.

From earlier staff we welcome Michael O'Bannon, Keith Nickels. Other members include George Morkes, Michael Bielski, Donald Studaven, Chester Hernacki, Madge Walters and staffers Mike Drazba and James G. Andros.

Many thanks go out to the membership committee, Bill Schaeffer, John Sanchez, George Johnson, and Mike Schlagel, who have contributed significantly to our rapid growth.

Larry Miller has accepted the position of membership chairman for the coming year. He will be continuing to reach out to members of Owasippe's past, present and future.

Re-registrations for 1982 are continuing, and we encourage all members who have not yet forwarded their dues to do so ASAP.



The Association has collected S&H Green Stamps for the eventual purchase of program and or maintenance equipment for Owasippe. Last year almost 60 books were collected through donation which enabled the OSA to provide 18 lifevests for the Pack and Paddle program. This year about 25 Green Stamps books have been received and hopefully many more will follow before the cut off date of June 6.

Many car rental agencies, Savings and Loan and food stores are once again offering the stamps as an incentive. Persons having any number of stamps or coupons may send them to P.O. Box 97, Westchester, IL 60153, or drop them off at the Scout Service Center at 730 W. Lake Street (at Halsted).

The Chairperson for this year's event is Chris Sanchez. Any questions regarding the drive or referrals may be forwarded to her by calling 581-5577 after 6:30 p.m.

JOIN THE FUN

OWASIPPE FAMILY WEEKEND
September 10-11-12

Advance reservations are now being accepted on a first come, first paid basis for our Second Family Weekend at Staff Village, Owassippe, on the second weekend in September. Members and their families are invited to attend. Also reserved for accommodations are the Great Lodge (aka Owassippe Lodge) and the Health Lodge (both can sleep 12-16 people).

We'll have use of the Ad Center for any group activities or meetings. Boats and canoes can be rented for \$5 for the entire day. Swimming may be available if the arrangements can be made and if weather permits.

Cabins in Staff Village (19) are expected to go early, so send in your weekend fee of \$50 ASAP to hold your reservation. These cabins sleep 6, are gas heated and are equipped with all the comforts of home (sorry, no color TV or video games come with the cabin!). Other rates are available for lodging outside "The Village". Please note that on the date of arrival, a \$25 cash key deposit is required and will be refunded at checkout.

Reservations can be sent to...OSA Family Weekend, P.O. Box 97, Westchester, IL 60153. Questions can be forwarded to the event chairperson, Chris Sanchez, by calling her after 6:30 at 581-5577.

News Briefs

On March 8, Jeffrey Jones, age 30, was hired as an Owassippe ranger. He will replace Orville Hawk who has left to become property superintendant of the Chicago Girl Scout Camp Butternut Springs near Valparaiso, Indiana.

Jeff and his wife Jan, are relocating from the Springfield, Illinois area where he was employed by the Lincolnland College in facility management. His background includes a four year hitch in the Navy where he learned his maintenance skills. Jeff is also a Scout having attended a National Jamboree as well as being member of the Order of the Arrow.

We would like to extend at this time our very best wishes to Orville and Marie Hawk who now embark on a career in Hoosier territory. They have served Owassippe and the Chicago Scout program so admirably since 1970. We thank them for their true friendship throughout these many years.

Is it the Jupiter effect or volcanic ash? Since Sept. 1, Owassippe has received a record breaking snowfall....180+ inches! Needless to say, the water level at camp this spring and summer should be higher than normal. Will Blackhawk have a beach?

Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself: "I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it."

— Groucho Marx

"STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM"

The first year group known as Staff Apprentices must be 15 by December 31. The focus of their training will be on orientation, teamwork, discipline and future development. In addition to the initial training week, they will also participate in a "shakedown weekend" prior to camp. Every two weeks they are rotated to a different camp and assignment.

The second year group, known as Staff Associates, are, for the most part, staff returnees who will be 16 by December 31. Their training week will focus on a high-adventure experience across the reservation as well as honing their skills in an area of specialty. During the summer, they will be rotated twice but remain in the same assignment.



Sue and George Sparks:

A girl, Sarah Elizabeth was born on
Valentines day, Feb., 14 weighed 9lbs. 5oz.
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Jackie and Rick Lowy:

A boy, Christopher David, born on March
14 weighed 6lbs. 8oz.
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Marilyn and Ron Kulak:

A boy, Richard Joseph was born on
March 19, weighed 8lbs.

*Vicki Accardi is currently taking graduate courses in guidance counseling at Northern Illinois University. This past spring she earned her Interpreters certification for the hard of hearing or hearing impaired. She also works with some of the hearing impaired students at N.I.U. on a part-time basis. Vicki was a member of the family camp staff in 1973.

*It appears that John Brown will be unable to further his 13 consecutive years as a member of the Owasippe staff. John's duties as a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve have been broadened. He will be training R.O.T.C. students and their counselors. John has been involved recently with an orientation program for reservists at the USAF Academy and will be a part of the summer camp program offered this summer at Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio for R.O.T.C. college juniors.

*On Feb. 17, Jim Marshall gave a lecture at the Illinois Institute of Technology regarding "Geometrics of North American Earth Mounds." Jim, a civil engineer, has done a great deal of research and exploration in respect to ancient indian earthworks. He recently completed surveying a new map for the Hoover Scout Reservation with the help of Assistant Rangers Bob Adams and Rick Lowy.

*Leaving Defiance, Ohio and moving in closer to Chicago is Dave Webb who is now a multiple district executive for the Northern Indiana Scout Council in South Bend, Ind. Dave is now 2½ hours from Chicago and Owasippe.

*We have been recently informed by Ed Black that another staff alumni group exists outside of Chicago. It is the Philmont Staff Association which apparently began a year or two before the OSA. Their membership is limited to past staff of Philmont only. Anyone who is eligible may write to P.S.A., P.O. Box 53, Westerville, OH 43081.

*"Back On the Road Again" is Chris Bury who has had the good fortune of fulfilling a dream...being relocated to Chicago as an employee of a major broadcasting network. Enter ABC-TV network news who recently hired Chris as a reporter for their Midwest Bureau. He has already been assigned to cover such news as the USAF jet tanker crash near Wonder Lake, Ill., the comeback of big autos, the UAW/GM meetings in Youngstown, Ohio and Detroit, Michigan and on the April 5 Chicago blizzard. We wish Chris and his wife, Kathryn, all the best wishes and good fortune they can enjoy. Welcome home!

*Jim Nothnagel's company, Waste Management Inc. of Oakbrook, has recently told him to "trade in his car for a dromedary" or, in simpler terms, they're assigning him to a project located amidst the sandy breezes of Saudi Arabia." Jim will be overseeing a new operation set-up there for the next three months.



THE GALLOPING GRAPEVINE

*Pat Foster will return again in 1982 to head up the trading post and inventory operations for Owasippe Scout Reservation. During his 11 weeks of camp last summer in his volunteer position, Pat was able to increase trading post sales from \$51,000 (1980) to \$92,000! He is already making preparations for stock and will be up at camp manning the cash register during both the CSA Fix-It and the Order of the Arrow Work Weekend in May.

*Joe Schluep, one of our newer members and a past ledge officer of Owasippe Lodge, Order of the Arrow, is finishing his studies at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. He worked at Camp Stuart in 1978 and at the Ad Center Trading Post Warehouse in 1979 and 1981. Joe is an Eagle Scout, a Vigil Honor Member of the O/A, and a member of the Scouting fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. "Glad to Have Ya!"

*Another recent arrival who we are glad to have reunite with us is John "Red" Maluta. He is presently Scoutmaster of Troup 465 where he became an Eagle Scout under the tutelage of Scout Master Steve Kantorski. "Red" was a Counselor-in-Training in 1971 and worked at Food Prep in 1973. He has camped at Owasippe since 1967. Welcome aboard John!

*And He said, "These bones shall rise again!" And so did Michael J. O'Bannon who is the newest staff member of the OSA. Our heartiest welcome goes out to Mike who presently lives in Washington, DC while under the employ of the Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior! Back in the 60's, Mr. O'Bannon was a crackerjack dining hall staffman putting in time at Camps Stuart, Blackhawk and seven years at Dan Beard alone (oh yes, and one year at Wolverine South)! He still is active in Scouting serving as Coordinator and Advancement Chairman of Troop 380 in D.C. Mike is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor Member of the Order of the Arrow. Glad to have ya!

*Our thanks go to Larry Miller, Roy Martino and Scott Reid who recently helped fold, address, sort and mail out the recent letter sent to the membership.



CAMP

POTPOURRI

- It was recently recommended by the Camp Development and Properties committee to set aside ten acres of land between Crystal Lake Road and Owasippe Lake as a memorial honoring the founding of Owasippe, America's first council Scout camp. The OSA and the Order of the Arrow have been asked to help arrange a suitable memorial.

-As last year, campership grants will be available from the interest earned on an endowment fund established by the Capital Campaign Drive. This program was recently dedicated as the Henry A. Johnson Living Memorial Campership in recognition for his outstanding involvement and accomplishments in the Scouting program especially during his past tenure as President of the Chicago Area Council, BSA. Mr. Johnson is currently President of Spiegels, Inc. and was recently named as BSA Area III President (includes Illinois).

The campership was initiated to help eliminate "financial considerations" as an excuse for not being able to enjoy the Owasippe or other Council camping experiences. No 100% grants will be issued and SELF-HELP has been adopted as one of the primary doctrines guiding this program. Any Council Scout by the request of his parent/guardian and with the approval of both his unit committee and District Executive may apply for a grant which again, will only supplement his own contributions. To qualify for this grant, a Scout or Cub must participate in a camp or community service project and document his activity prior to camp.

-The Department of Agriculture has reported back to the Council Administration that there presently is no federal interest nor Reagan bucks available for the purchase of roughly 1600 acres of available reservation land in the vicinity of Owasippe Lake. (As reported in previous issues, several attempts have been made by the Council to see if the feds or some other governmental agency could be willing to purchase these selected sections of land outside the "core area" while permitting our continued use of the land for program.) This huge parcel is situated about five miles south and west of the present Ad Center and is just east of U.S. Route 31.

-Bids are currently being reviewed regarding the construction of the dining hall at Camp Sauger Lake. The cost is estimated to be around \$50,000 which was generated by the Capital Campaign. "How Far Can an Eagle Fly?" The design is modest and will take on a T-shape in the tradition of most camp dining facilities. In size, it will be much smaller than the Blackhawk monolith...about the size of the previous Camps Stuart and West dining halls. Completion is anticipated by the Council by June 27.

-Another structure to soon be constructed from the proceeds of the Capital Campaign Drive is the new Camp Kiwanis picnic pavilion. It is being built by Hines Lumber Co. and will be located just south of the administration lodge.

-Early in the year, a second reservation fire took its toll on more than 65% of the "Reid" house off of Russell Road toward Hi-Beach. Again, it is possible that a chimney flu may be the cause of the fire. It is hoped that the pending insurance settlement from both residential fires will be available to totally rebuild a new ranger's residence by the new Camp Blackhawk entrance (estimated cost:\$40,000).

-60 acres located south of Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp evaluated at \$15,000 was recently donated to the Council. Its eventual sale is anticipated as it is very isolated from the mainstream of activity.

-The Council Executive Board is ultimately responsible for the disposition of all properties and program. In light of the recent rejection by Uncle Sam to purchase the land in question, some alternatives emerge for their consideration:

1. Sell the land to private developers (several of which have already made their interest known) who would probably subdivide the area for residential and/or recreational use; or
2. Maintain the status quo as a capital asset and await either the eventual governmental interest or, if sooner, the expanded usage by Scouting units; or
3. Expand and promote the reservation program as a regional Scout camp available to councils whose economies of scale prohibit them from running their own effective program.

-In February, Chicago Area Council paid the Owasippe real estate tax bill of \$96,300 for 1981.

FINDING OUT WHAT WE'RE DOING.

YOU'RE NEEDED

P E O P L E

PLAN ON IT!

JOIN THE CROWD

LET'S ALL HELP!

You are invited

Fix-It(spring)	5/21/82	Joe Sener	961-5608
Camporall	6/4/82	Ron Kulak	387-0428
Garage Sale	6/11-12/82	Linda Monahan	429-2584
Picnic	8/29/82	Mike Nelson	631-0495
Stamps For Camp	To 6/6/82	Chris Sanchez	581-5577
Family Weekend	9/10/82	Chris Sanchez	581-5577
Fix-It(fall)	10/9/82	TBA	
Leader Survey	Fall,82	Fat Monahan	429-2584
Pizza Night	11/26/82	Kevin Murphy	334-4532
Annual Meeting (83)	3/5/83	Phil Niziol	562-4874
Shower Project	Until Finished	Gordon Stiefel	221-3717
Membership	All Year	Larry Miller	383-2282
Newsletter	All Year	Mark Behnke	255-8256
		Roy Martino	562-7073
Sales(caps,shirts,etc.)	All Year	Tom Bolbot	448-2514
Shop,N Share	All Year	Scott Reid	863-1907

"Give Them A Call If You Would Like To Help
Or Just Have A Question" Ron Kulak (387-0428)
President

please respond today